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Cleaning u-Flux Flow Cell

Beginning of the day cleaning and equilibration procedure (Before you start):

- 1. Make sure all valves are closed
- 2. Make sure there is no pressure currently applied to the syringes, Press Vacuum on the uFlux control to release any pressure applied.
- 3. Remove any residual fluids left in the syringes.
- 4. Fill the syringes with 2 mL of Milli-Q. Always fill with the pipette tip against the syringe's bottom side to avoid trapping air bubbles at the bottom.
- 5. Flush \sim 1 mL of Milli-Q water by adjusting the pressure to 1.8-2 Bar and opening all valves.
- 6. Stop the flow by venting the uFlux and closing all the valves.
- 7. Add $100 \,\mu\text{L}$ of sodium thiosulfate (0.5 M) to the remaining 1.0 ml of milli-Q water and mix well by pipetting up and down several times to each syringe and flush the system with a minimum of 0.5mL (sodium thiosulfate will neutralize any remaining bleach in the flow cell and tubing).
- 8. With a 1mL pipet, rinse the walls of the syringe with milli-Q water and then pipet out the rinsing volume.
- 9. Add 2 ml of fresh milli-Q water to each syringe and flush for 1 mL.
- 10.Remove remaining fluid and add 1.5 mL PBS or your preferred reaction buffer.
- 11. Flush for 1 ml to equilibrate the flow cell.

